

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1-56 (cancelled)

57. (currently amended) A method, comprising:

generating a plurality of phase-shifted burst mode signals;~~;~~~~and~~  
regulating power to a plurality of loads using respective said phase shifted burst mode signals;

generating a plurality of AC signals based at least in part on a respective phase-shifted burst mode signal; and

supplying respective AC signals to respective loads.

58. (previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 57, further comprising:

generating a PWM signal and wherein power delivered to each respective load determined by the pulse width of said PWM signal.

59. (previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 57, further comprising:

determining a frequency of at least one of said phase-shifted burst mode signals based on a frequency selection signal.

60. (previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 57, wherein each said load comprises a CCFL.

61. (cancelled )

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62. (previously presented)     The method as claimed in claim 57, further comprising:  
                                 turning power to at least one load on and off based on, at least in part, the state of a  
respective phase-shifted burst mode signal.

63. (cancelled)

64. (cancelled)

65. (cancelled)

66. (cancelled)

67. (cancelled)

68. (cancelled)